PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

FIRST ASSEMBLY.

FIRST SESSION.

Thursday, the 7th August 1933/23rd Karkatakam 1108.

The Assembly reassembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at 11-3 of the clock, the President presiding.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Amendment to the Criminal Procedure Code.

23.* **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to amend the Criminal Procedure Code Regulation so as to bring it into line with the current British Indian Code on the subject?

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESWARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Yes, subject, however, to such modifications as may be necessary to meet local requirements.

Transfer of a Munsiff's Court from Alleppey to Ambalapuzha.

24.* **MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Law's Delays Officer has recommended the transfer to Ambalapuzha of one of the two Munsiffs' Courts at Alleppey;

(*b*) whether the said recommendation has been accepted by the High Court; and

(*c*) whether the Government have considered the proposal, and, if not, why not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The proposal was considered by Government. As the increase in the number and jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat Courts, recommended by the Law's Delays Commissioner, and the divesting of the Munsiffs at Nedumangad, Shencottah, Changanacherry, Kanjirapally and Thodupuzha of their magisterial powers, in connection with the redistribution of the Magisterial functions effected from the 1st Chingom 1108, are bound to reduce the work of the Munsiffs to an appreciable extent, the High Court have been requested to send up fresh proposals for the redistribution of the jurisdiction of the Munsiffs' Courts.

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MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : With reference to parts (*a*) and (*b*), may I know from the Government whether there is any obstacle for the removal of one of the Courts from Alleppey to Ambalapuzha immediately ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government want to consider the question as a whole because the Law's Delays Commissioner has made many other proposals. Similar proposals have been made in regard to other parts of the State also. So it was thought better to consider the proposals as a whole. The High Court have been asked to consider the re-adjustment of jurisdiction after having given an increased number of Village Panchayat Courts in the State and after divesting some of the Munsiff-Magistrates of their Magisterial powers.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*) : With reference to one of the Courts at Alleppey, is the contemplated transfer affected by any such questions as the Government wishes to refer to the High Court ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That might, because a re-adjustment of jurisdiction of all the Courts in the State is contemplated.

Ezhava applicants for posts under the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer

25.* MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Ezhava graduates and under-graduates who had applied for posts under the Jenmikaram Settlement Officer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Graduates—3; Under-graduates—16.

MR. K SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member the number of graduates and the number of under-graduates appointed by the Jenmikaram Special Officer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : One Ezhava graduate clerk and three under-graduates.

MR. K SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : What is the total number of appointments under the Jenmikaram Special Officer hitherto made ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : 38 clerks, 33 copyists and one typist.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know from the member how many Nairs and Christians have been appointed out of the 38 clerks ?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether there is any proposal to increase the number of clerks and copyists under the Jenmikaram Special Officer ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Some additional copyists were given . But I do not know the number exactly.

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